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Abraham Lincoln drew water from this well, located near Salem, Ill., but the Living Water may be drawn from the Christ—the Son of God.

CONVICTED OR BORED?

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian"—Acts 26:28

In his sermon before Festus, Agrippa, and Bernice, following Paul's being charged by Festus as being insane the apostle appealed to Agrippa's knowledge of the Hebrew scriptures. Then he directed a question to him as to whether or not he believed the prophets. Without waiting for an answer he said, "I know that thou believest" (Acts 26:27). Had Agrippa agreed he would have been considered mad by the Roman procurator whose favor he desired. Actually Agrippa paid only token service to the Hebrew religion as a political expediency. His heart was as pagan as that of Festus.

So according to the King James Version he said, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian" or a follower of Christ. This reads as though he were under conviction and on the verge of believing in Jesus as Savior. The hymn "Almost Persuaded" reflects this idea. Now it is possible that one can be almost persuaded. And yet be lost. But this idea is not to be supported by this verse.

For the Greek text reads *en oligōi*. It means "in a little." Several possible meanings are in it. It may refer to time. "In a little time you would make me a Christian." Or it could refer to Paul's words. "In a

few words [so little persuasion] you would make me a Christian." The Revised Standard Version reads, "In a short time you think to make me a Christian." The Living Bible says, "With such trivial proofs like these [with little persuasion] you expect me to become a Christian." Perhaps as good a rendering as any would be "In short, you would make me a Christian." He was not under conviction. He was bored with Paul's words. Or since Paul tried to get him to admit that he believed the prophets he curtly ended the hearing. He made light of the whole thing.

However, one reads his words, Paul seized upon the phrase under question and hurled it back at him. In verse 29 he said that he would to God that both he and all who heard him were "in a little" (time or words) and "in much" (*en megalōi*, in much or great time or words) they were as he was, a Christian, "except for these bonds." He wished that they were not in bonds, physical or spiritual, but free through faith in Christ. "Bonds" may read "Chains" (RSV). Robertson sees him as lifting "his right manacled hand with exquisite grace and good feeling."

Paul was a prisoner and they sat on a throne. But he was the only truly free person in the room. So it is with every Christian in the presence of the unsaved.



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Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

In answering a want-ad to check out a local establishment, the San Francisco Better Business Bureau used a dog's name to fill out an application for ministerial status. And so it was that a labrador retriever promptly received a certificate of ordination as a minister.

Strange as it may seem, this new "canine minister" should enjoy widespread popularity. After all, he already has the reputation of being "man's best friend."

And who knows? He may do all right—once he gets his teeth into the job.

There is no denying that there would be certain definite advantages. For one thing, he could "outgrowl" any troublesome deacons. And furthermore, no one could be better at sniffing out trouble.

All in all, this "new pastor" could experience some measure of success—provided he does not make that common ministerial mistake of barking up the wrong tree.

Devotional

RETURN!

By Willis W. Henson

As you read the Book of Hosea you are impressed with its literary form. The judgment of Israel is to be found in almost every verse. As though it were a court trial you hear the evidence presented against them.



Henson

But when you are ready for the great Judge to pronounce the final judgment, you do not hear a voice of anger saying, "Guilty," but rather a voice of love saying, "O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God" (Hosea 14:1). In the

midst of wrath and judgment He remembers mercy and grace.

I believe that the spiritual ear of all men is listening for this call of love and grace; the call to "return" to God. But the tragedy of our day is that in the lives of far too many the call to success, riches, fame, glory, and pleasure muffle this call to "return."

There are a few things about the call of God that set it apart from all others. I would remind you that this call to "return" is a divine call. It is God who speaks through the prophet. Surely as God looks upon the multitude of unfaithful Christians of our day He says, "Return unto the Lord thy God."

This call to "return" is a very practical one. It does not ask for sentiment, but for action. Many Christians fail in their spiritual lives at this point. They think and plan and remember but do not return, even though the call is clear and understandable. It is a call to reverse their actions. If they have been going away from God, they should return and come back to Him.

Finally, this call is a gracious one. Because of His love He still wants to be their God. C. H. Spurgeon once said, "That man hath made a great speech who hath truly said, 'God is mine.'"

Listen! as the Lord says, "Return unto the Lord thy God."

Editor's Note: Mr. Henson was pastor of First Baptist church, Huntingdon, until Feb. 1, when he became pastor of Lone Oak church in Paducah, Ky.

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President Asks For Prayers As He Visits Communist Lands

WASHINGTON—President Richard Nixon asked for the prayers of the nation that he will be able to “play the role of peacemaker” in his upcoming journeys to Red China and Russia.

In an address before 3000 persons gathered for the annual National Prayer Breakfast, President Nixon dwelt on the theme of peace and the “unprecedented opportunity” of this generation “to build a structure for peace in the world.”

The National Prayer Breakfast is sponsored by the prayer breakfast groups of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. As in past years, the occasion brought together prominent leaders from business, labor and religion to meet with members of the Supreme Court, the Congress, top military men and representatives of government agencies. Distinguished diplomatic leaders from 100 countries were present also.

Billy Graham, a regular participant in these annual meetings, read the New Testament selection on the program. After saying that the Bible teaches “that a day of ultimate peace is coming,” Graham read Philippians 2:5-11.

The President referred to the great differences that exist between this nation and Red China and Russia, the two nations he will visit soon. “It is naive to think our differences would evaporate if we get to know each other better,” Nixon said. “These differences exist because we do know each other . . . and the philosophical gulf is great,” he emphasized.

The President talked about the role of the United States in its relationships with other countries. Our chief goal, he said, is

Go-Ahead To Come Soon On Restructure Of Jerusalem

JERUSALEM—This city’s planning committee and building council, despite three specific Arab protests against “Judaization” of Jerusalem and occasional Catholic objections to encroachment of holy places, is about to receive official endorsement of its plans to restructure parts of the city.

A major housing project in the Old City has been criticized by international architects and planners, largely on the ground that its implementation would seriously alter the Old City’s architectural character.

Israeli Radio, in announcing the impending approval of the housing program, said that in 20 years it is expected that 650,000 persons will be living in the Jerusalem area, 565,000 in the city itself and the rest in suburban “minority settlements” and agricultural communities.

The new building plans also call for the construction of highway and industrial complexes. (RNS)

to help them to be nations “of liberty and justice for all.”

He referred to giving economic help when that is needed, but he stressed the challenge for America “to build a new structure of peace in the world where men of differences can talk about these differences instead of fighting about them.

“As a Christian nation . . . enriched by other faiths, we have a charge and a destiny to play the role of peacemaker,” Nixon declared.

Earlier in the program, Mayor Walter Washington, the black appointed leader of the District of Columbia, received a standing ovation after an emotional message asking for “unity and reconciliation” in the land. (BP)

Southern Presbyterians Would Finance Protestant Chair At Catholic School

NASHVILLE—The Board of World Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern) said here that it is willing to put up \$2000 annually for three years toward the establishment of a chair of Protestant thought at some overseas Roman Catholic university.

The agency declined to take more specific action pending consultation with church leaders and Presbyterian missionaries in the country selected. (RNS)

Sunday Liquor Sales Refused In Indiana

The Indiana General Assembly has refused the passage of a bill permitting Sunday liquor sales throughout the state, and many believe that opposition of church groups was responsible for the defeat.

The Indiana House public policy committee voted to recommend a limited Sunday sales measure for passage which would have allowed Sunday sales “by the drink” only, and only in establishments which receive more than half their income from food sales.

Midwestern Seminary Names 18 Adjunct Professors

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Eighteen adjunct professors have been named by Midwestern Baptist Theological seminary here to teach as a part of the school’s instructional assistance program.

Under the program, initiated last year and called “The Midwestern Plan” persons with expertise in a particular field are invited to teach for one month at the seminary in an intensive study program.

Under a new degree structure, the program is based on eleven four-week terms during the academic year.

They are Paul Adkins, secretary of the board’s department of Christian social ministries; Wendell Belew, director of the Division of Missions; Russell Bennett, assistant director of the Division of Associational Services; and Kenneth L. Chafin, director of the Division of Evangelism.

Six pastors were among those appointed: Wayne Dehoney, pastor, Walnut Street Baptist church, Louisville; James Draper, First Southern Baptist church, Del City, Okla.; Don Harbuck, First Baptist church, El Dorado, Ark.; William Lancaster, First Baptist church, Decatur, Ga.; Olan Runnels, Swope Park Baptist church, Kansas City, Mo.; and Robert Tremaine, pastor, Worcester Baptist church, Worcester, Mass.

Four members of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board’s National Student Ministries staff were among the 18 appointees. They are Charles Roselle, secretary, National Student Ministries; Arthur Driscoll, consultant in leadership development; Milton Hughes, consultant in campus evangelism; and Benton Williams, consultant in International Student Work.

Others named to teach at the seminary were: Findley B. Edge, professor of religious education for Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville; William S. Garmon, professor of sociology, Averett college, Danville, Va.; Harry N. Hollis Jr., director of special moral concerns, Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, Nashville; and John Hopkins, director of Christian social ministries, Kansas City (Kansas) Baptist Association (BP)

Hotel Space Available For SBC In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA—There are still nearly 2000 hotel rooms available in Philadelphia for persons who plan to attend the Southern Baptist Convention here June 5-8, according to the Philadelphia Tourist Bureau.

So far, about 1400 rooms have been reserved by individuals planning to attend the convention, reported James L. Goodson, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist church in Cherry Hill, N.J., and chairman of the convention’s publicity committee.

No hotels or motels have yet been booked to capacity, Goodson said. He urged persons who plan to attend the convention to make their reservations, however, as soon as possible to avoid a last-minute jam of paperwork.

Hotel reservation forms and listings of Philadelphia hotels have been printed in most Baptist state papers and in the Baptist Program magazine, and are available on request from the state convention offices or the SBC Executive Committee. (BP)

A Time For Prayer

This year is, and will be, somewhat unique among Tennessee Baptists. By the grace of God, and with Divine leadership, some time during this year the Executive Board is scheduled to elect a successor to the well-loved and highly-respected Executive Secretary-Treasurer W. Fred Kendall. Last November Kendall announced his retirement Dec. 31, 1972. During this year, strong leadership from God's man continues to be evident, and if announced plans are followed, he shall have completed 16 years of tremendous service to Our Lord and Tennessee Baptists by the end of this year.

What then is an Executive Secretary-Treasurer, and how is one selected? These are questions in the minds of many Tennessee Baptists. We see them as the names pass across the pages of time. They include men such as Chas. W. Pope, John D. Freeman, and on and on.

By constitutional procedure, the Administrative Committee of the Executive Board, some time this year, will recommend a person to the Executive Board. With Executive Board approval, this person then would become the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Executive Board, and as such, chief administrative officer of the corporate body of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. This same person is elected also as treasurer of the Convention although funds are administered through the corporate body, the Executive Board.

However, this man, whoever he might be, is one who is far more than an administrative officer. He is a man who stands as God's man in the highest position of leadership, trust and confidence in leading a state convention in every area. While authority and responsibility for agencies, institutions, programs, and other areas is defined clearly, ultimately it is to this one man that Baptists in any state look for **LEADERSHIP** as if from the Lord, through him.

Like the pastor of a church, he must be a man of many talents and many abilities. With the confidence of the constituency, he must, as indicated, be a leader. He must likewise be an effective and able administrator, a visionary with pragmatic ability, a conciliator, advisor, and many other things to many people. The present-day office of Executive Secretary-Treasurer in a state convention or at other Baptist levels is perhaps one of the most difficult offices in Christian leadership. Especially is this true in a state convention. The functions of this office are so varied and demanding that it would seem difficult for one man to be able to "hold the reins."

However, this is exactly what one man must do, because, again, under our present structure, which is as it should be in our opinion, this is an office which can not

be divided. The spiritual leader and administrator must of necessity be the treasurer who disburses the funds. The two responsibilities are so interwoven that any change in this area would be disastrous to the progress of the Kingdom.

Therefore, some time this year, probably and hopefully, there will come into focus upon God's stage for this time, a possible man for an almost impossible position; made possible under the strength of the Lord.

What kind of man does it take to make an Executive Secretary? History has some answers for us, as well as current life. He must first and foremost be a man of God, and God's man for the position. We as Baptists believe strongly that God will exercise His will and leadership through the Holy Spirit in all situations. We have never considered the ministry a profession, or a job. Rather, it is an high and holy calling. This applies also to this office. Thus, two things must transpire. One, God will raise up a man to do His will. Two, God's children then must have spiritual sensitivity enough to yield to the leadership of the Spirit, know the will of God, and abide by it.

Accepting this basic posture, then, if we believe in the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and we do, there are no problems beyond that of seeking earnestly at the Throne of Grace for Divine leadership, and waiting patiently upon the Lord. Then, in His own time, He provides the answer. Man can circumvent God's will, but to man's hurt, and to the retardation of the progress of the Kingdom upon earth.

Therefore, we believe, that when God has a place, He has also a man for that place. There is NO room for petty, self-seeking interests at any place in Kingdom business. We believe that anything less than complete submissiveness to the will of God is self-defeating.

The Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention **MUST** be God's man. We believe that those who have been delegated responsibility for making a recommendation in this area are dedicated, consecrated men themselves, who have been, and are placing the interests of the Kingdom of God far above self. We believe they shall, in coming months, seek as best they know how, Divine leadership. To this end, Tennessee Baptists **MUST** pray, and pray earnestly that these men will be filled with the Spirit of God, and consequently know when God speaks.

The progress of the cause of Christ as expressed in the ministries of Tennessee Baptists for succeeding decades is at stake. Freeman, Pope, Kendall, and others, all God's men in God's time. And, when God's time and God's man once again are met together, we shall move forward, continuing in unity and advancing the cause of Christ to the ends of the earth.

Board Expresses Regret, Adopts Guidelines On Critical Issues

NASHVILLE—Trustees of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in their semi-annual meeting here acted on the "Becoming" issue, responded to 1971 Southern Baptist Convention actions and approved guidelines for writers and editors in dealing with critical issues.

Trustees approved unanimously a statement expressing regret over misunderstanding and difficulties caused by the alteration of the quarterlies, "Becoming" and "Becoming for Leaders" and reaffirmed the responsibility of the executive secretary to make decisions concerning board publications.

Revision of text and photography in the two periodicals was made at the last stage of the board's publication process because board officials felt the materials, including a two-lesson unit on races relations, were "subject to misinterpretation." The revised materials were still mailed on schedule.

Statement of Trustees

The statement read: "The trustees of the Sunday School Board reaffirm the responsibility of the executive secretary as editor in chief to make executive decisions concerning any Board publication although some may agree and some may disagree with the wisdom of these decisions.

"We deeply regret the misunderstanding and ensuing difficulties which have resulted from the events related to the alteration of the original January-March issue of "Becoming" and "Becoming for Leaders" magazines.

"We wish the people of our Convention and other Christian friends to know that it is the firm intention of this Board to present and encourage Christian attitudes in race relations, and the Sunday School Board staff members are encouraged to speak, write, and print such Christian attitudes without equivocation.

"We further pledge our continued adherence to the 'Crisis Statement' on race relations adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in May 1968 which appealed to all Southern Baptists 'to engage in ventures in human relationships, and to take courageous action for justice and peace.' We stand on our record concerning race relations and the ministry of reconciliation. We will remain true to our responsibility in the 'furtherance of the gospel' of Christian love and understanding among the people of all races."

Papers on "Race," "Sex and Sex Education" and "War and Peace" were approved, setting guidelines for writers and editors in dealing with those critical issues.

The trustees recognized that Sunday School Board curriculum materials must

deal from time to time with current moral and social issues, on which there is considerable diversity of opinion and feeling among writers, editors and Southern Baptists in general. These must be handled in a constructive and helpful way, the guidelines said.

The trustees further recognized that the board's supervisory personnel and all of its editorial staff must be committed to the principle of publishing material which deals with all areas of Bible truth, including truth related to current issues.

Trustees Respond to Convention Actions

Board trustees approved a response to a motion made before the St. Louis convention and referred to them through the SBC Executive Committee. The convention in St. Louis had referred to the SBC Executive Committee a motion which said:

"That the name 'Broadman' be dropped from 'The Broadman Bible Commentary' so as to remove any connection between the commentary and the Southern Baptist name, due to its liberal content."

The Executive Committee asked the board to respond to the motion. In their reply, the board stated: "The Sunday School Board trustees feel that no change should be made in the name of this set of books which have already been published and distributed widely."

Reasons cited for the decision included the fact that the commentary meets characteristics set up for a Broadman publication and that it is being used by thousands of purchasers, the majority of whom are Southern Baptists who seem to have no problem with the name. Also noted were the costs of securing new copyrights and correcting at least one half of the printing plates for all twelve volumes.

"Under the basic doctrinal concept of the priesthood of believers, calling for the right and responsibility of believers to make their own determinations in spiritual matters, the production of books presenting varying points of view has been considered necessary. Some of these viewpoints may be considered fundamentalistic, conservative or liberal, depending largely upon the stance of the individual doing the evaluating.

"Broadman Press has sought to present within limits diversified views when sincerely expressed in publishable form by Bible-loving men who appear to have something to say and who say it well, whether those views might be shared by all Southern Baptists or not."

Also referred to the board's trustees by the SBC Executive Committee was a motion from the 1971 convention . . . that the Convention request the Sunday School

Board to eliminate the position of doctrinal reader."

Pointing to the board's tradition of using doctrinal readers through much of its history, a reply to the motion states, "The administration affirms and the trustees concur in the affirmation that the position of doctrinal reader is a necessary and appropriate one."

The statement cites the need for a doctrinal reader based "on the concept that educational materials published by the board for use by churches must be products of group work since such publications must record facts in the most accurate and understandable way possible after exhaustive analysis and do not seek merely to express opinions."

Other Actions of the Board

In other actions, the board approved the transfer of the position of editorial secretary from the executive office into a staff relationship to the director of the church services and materials division. This change was made in order to put the editorial secretary "more into the main bloodstream of development of curriculum plans and materials for use in local churches," according to James L. Sullivan, executive secretary.

The advertising and sales promotion department, Book Store Division, was deleted from the division organization and an operations department was added. The operations department will be responsible for advertising and sales promotion, inventory selection and control and the coordination of direct sales.

Al Crawford, supervisor since 1961 of the sales promotion section, Book Store Division, was named manager, campus stores department, of the same division.

Trustees approved the following changes in church literature periodicals to be effective with October-December, 1973, issues. All these are church training periodicals:

—Transfer "Skill," "Now," "Becoming" and "Becoming for Leaders" from church literature periodicals to church literature special study materials, to be published less frequently to meet the needs of the users.

—Change "Adult Church Training Guide" to "Source for Leaders" and add "Source—Kit for Leaders," "Baptist Adults—Kit for Leaders," "Baptist Youth" and "Baptist Youth—Kit for Leaders."

The board's building subcommittee was authorized by the trustees to employ an architect to develop detailed plans and specifications and to proceed with extensive remodeling of the Spilman Auditorium at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly. (BP)

Major Religious Groups Urge Action On Liberal Welfare Reform

WASHINGTON—Spokesmen for a number of major religions groups urged the Senate Finance Committee to reform the present welfare system which they said "fails in virtually every respect."

In doing so, they also labeled one section of the bill supported by the Nixon administration as "not only inadequate" but "dangerous."

Testifying for 12 groups, including the American Baptist Convention Division of Christian Social Concern, and the National Council of Churches, the religious leaders pled for a larger guaranteed minimum income than the amount presently supported by the administration.

The testimony before the committee represents the first major response from the 12 religious groups to the President's welfare reform proposals as outlined several months ago and re-emphasized strongly in his State of the Union address one week before the hearings. Southern Baptists have made no response, pro or con, to the welfare reform proposals.

The testimony of the religious leaders attacked a number of "myths" concerning welfare, and called for a reform of the present system that does not "relegate the poor to the status of second class citizens" whose lives would be "controlled by the government."

William P. Thompson, stated clerk of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., was the chief spokesman before the Senate Finance Committee, which is in the midst of three weeks of public hearings on welfare reform proposals.

Thompson was joined by Miss Dorothy Height, vice president of the National Council of Churches, and Hobart Burch, general secretary for health and welfare of the United Church of Christ Board for Homeland Missions.

The joint testimony was given in behalf of the following additional groups: United Methodist Church Board for Christian Social Concerns, Episcopal Church, Presbyterian Church, U.S., Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), United Church of Christ—Council for Christian Social Action, United Methodist Church Women's Division, Church of the Brethren, and the Joint Washington Office for Social Concerns (representing the Unitarian Universalist Association, the American Ethical Union, and the American Humanist Association).

Thompson said the 16-page appeal from the religious groups was "rooted" in the policy statements and resolutions adopted by the governing bodies of the organizations they represented.

The chief recommendation of the religious groups calls for a minimum guaranteed income that matches what the U.S. Bureau

of Labor Statistics says is the amount needed to live "at a minimum level of decency." This was computed in 1970 to be \$6960 for an urban family of four.

The administration-backed bill, which the House of Representatives passed last year, supports a guaranteed minimum income of \$2400 for a family of four. The government's poverty index for the same sized family is \$3968 (a figure that is adjusted upward regularly to match the cost of living).

The testimony of the church groups criticized the poverty level index as "an arbitrary figure whose greatest claim to validity is constant reiteration." (BP)

WMU Scholarship Awarded To Missionaries' Daughter

BIRMINGHAM—The Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union has awarded the Elizabeth Lowndes Award, a \$200 scholarship, to Miss Becky Jean Ross, daughter of Southern Baptist foreign missionaries, for excellence in her college work.

Miss Ross, a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, is a graduate of University of Texas at El Paso. She is studying social work.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mr. J. Wilson Ross, SBC foreign missionaries. Ross is director of the Business Services Division of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Tex.

The scholarship is issued annually to a child of Southern Baptist missionaries who has recently graduated from college with distinction. It is named in honor of Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, who was treasurer of the WMU for almost 40 years. (BP)

Missionary News

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Burnham, missionaries, may now be addressed at 32 Neve Reim, Neve Magen, Mamat Ha Sharon, Israel. Mrs. Burnham is the former Mary Ann Coffey of Ducktown. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1969.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Roaten have completed a year of language study in Costa Rica and were to depart for their first term of service in Uruguay last month. Mrs. Roaten is the former Betty Marbury of Brownsville. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1970 and may be addressed at 19 de Abril 3532, Montevideo, Uruguay.

First church, Henderson, will provide a home during the missionary furlough of Cordell Akin, Jr., missionary to Tanzania. Akin and his wife are scheduled to arrive this summer.

Abe Lincoln Awards Program Set Feb. 10-11

The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission will present the third annual Abe Lincoln Awards program in Fort Worth Feb. 10-11.

Ten Broadcasters from throughout the nation will be honored for outstanding contributions to the quality of life in America, both as individual citizens and as representatives of the broadcasting industry. Keynote speaker for the event will be Elmer Lower, president of ABC News.

Broadcasters scheduled to receive awards are: Jesse Helms, executive vice president, WRAL-TV Raleigh, N.C.; Elmo Ellis, vice-president of Cox Broadcasting Co. and general manager of WSB AM/FM, Atlanta, Ga.; Robert M. Walsh, production manager, KABC Radio, Los Angeles, Calif.; Morton S. Cohn, vice-president and general manager of WLOS-TV, Asheville, N.C.; John F. Gregory, station manager, KPCS-FM, Pasadena City college, Pasadena, Calif.; and Bob Hardy, news director, KMOX Radio, St. Louis, Mo. Also receiving awards are William F. Turner, executive vice-president and general manager, KCAU-TV, Sioux City, Iowa; Peter M. Ballard, producer/director, WMAR-TV, Baltimore, Maryland; Fred Williams, radio talent, WCAU Radio, Philadelphia, Pa.; and John T. Schimpf, public affairs director, WKYC-TV, Cleveland, Ohio.

One of these ten honorees, whose identity will be withheld until the awards are presented, will receive the major Abe Lincoln Award. The remaining nine will receive Abe Lincoln Merit Awards.



Photo by Roberta Hampton

Miss Mary Witt, Southern Baptist missionary in Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil, was scheduled to arrive in Tennessee this week. She is shown here discussing plans with her Brazilian assistant, Senhorita Lidice Gramacho. Miss Witt plans to attend the University of Tennessee during her furlough this year. She was appointed to Brazil by the Foreign Mission Board in 1963. Her address is 2940 Gaston Avenue, Knoxville.

Sunday School Associational Planning Workshop Scheduled

A Sunday School Associational Planning Workshop will be held in Brentwood, Friday and Saturday, March 3-4. A group of pastors, ministers of education, and associational superintendents from throughout the state have been invited to attend, according to Wendell Price, secretary of the state Sunday School Department.

The sessions, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Friday, will be held in the Tennessee Baptist Convention Building.

Price stressed a dual purpose in planning the workshop. "We want to train at least one person for every two associations in the state to go into the associations and conduct planning workshops with pastors and Sunday School directors. In this way, churches will be aided in planning their calendars for the coming year with emphasis on teaching and reaching. The ultimate goal, of course," Price emphasized, "is outreach."

The meetings will continue through noon Saturday.

NEW BOOKS

Cruden's Unabridged Concordance by Alexander Cruden reprinted by Broadman Press, Nashville, \$6.95.

Studying Adult Life and Work Lessons, April-June, 1972, by Herschel H. Hobbs, Convention Press, 128 pp.

Planning Congregational Worship Services by John T. Wayland, Broadman Press, 104 pp. Offers help to churches seeking the best ways of worship.

Survival on the Campus by William Proctor, Fleming H. Revell Company, 157 pp., \$3.95. A handbook for Christian students.

Learning to Love by Lewis P. Bird and Christopher T. Reilly, Word Books, 177 pp., \$4.95. A guide to sex education through the church.

Creative Parenthood by Frank Cheavens, Word Books, 183 pp., \$4.95. Advantages you can give your child.

The Greening of the Church by Findley B. Edge, Word Books, 195 pp., \$4.95.

Disciplines for Life in the Age of Aquarius by Lance Webb, Word Books, 177 pp., \$4.95.

Eighth Day of Creation by Elizabeth O'Connor, Word Books, 115 pp., \$3.50.

Beyond Disenchantment by Merle Allison Johnson, Fleming H. Revell Company, 123 pp., \$3.50. A report on the church in twentieth-century America.

The Naked I by Eileen Guder, Word Books, 141 pp., \$3.95. Seeking God and finding identity.

Is the Family Here to Stay? by David A. Hubbard, Word Books, 97 pp., \$2.95. An examination in detail of the biblical origin of the family, revealing that a care-

Children's Homes

A Nobody; No

By James M. Gregg
Executive Director-Treasurer

A teenage boy said to me recently, "Brother Gregg, I guess I'm just a nobody." This terrible feeling of being a "nobody" is not unusual today and is partially due to the breakdown of the family unit which deprives many children of the love they so desperately need. The machine age also contributes to the individual's feeling that he is just another number.

I'm glad that I could tell the boy, "The Bible says that God loves you, unimportant as you may think yourself to be." We are not the product of a biological accident, we are a child of God and created in His image. David looked up into the sky one night and stood in awe as he saw the beauty of the stars sparkling like precious jewels against a background of black velvet. He said, "When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers—what is man, that Thou art mindful of him." Psalm 8:3,4.

How true it is, God loves us, no one is a nobody. He gave the most precious person in heaven, His Son Jesus, to come to earth and die that He might redeem us from our sins. Praise His Name. Please pray for all of your children in your Children's Homes.

Church Withdraws Rule On Re-baptism By Immersion

CHARLOTTE N.C.—The congregation of Park Road Baptist church, one of the city's largest churches, has endorsed a policy holding that re-baptism by immersion no longer will be required for membership.

It voted to accept prospective candidates based upon their profession of faith or transfer from a Christian church.

In so doing, it was in conflict with the Mecklenburg Baptist Association, which adopted a by-law in 1967 stating that member churches must require member candidates to undergo baptism by immersion. After adoption of the by-law, three Charlotte churches (St. John's, Myers Park and Wedgewood) were required to withdraw from the association.

Adoption of the by-law came after St. John's church adopted a policy of not requiring re-baptism by immersion of those baptized by other means in other denominations. (RNS)

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Left to right, Hubert B. Smothers, president, Harrison-Chilhowee academy; Mrs. Oscar Woody, and Joe R. Stacker, pastor, First church, Concord, participate in ceremonies at the academy in which the auditorium was renamed the Woody Memorial Auditorium. Special recognition was given to Mrs. Oscar Woody and her late husband for the gift of a farm in Concord in 1969. The sale of the land made possible a \$100,000 contribution to the school's Endowment Fund.

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Gene Merrick was ordained to the gospel ministry recently at Zion church, Haywood Association. **Gary Aslin** gave the charge and **Earl Marbury** had the ordination prayer. **Merrick** is serving as pastor of the Golddust church.

Valley Road church, McMinn Association, ordained **Wesley Miller** to the gospel ministry. **Miller** has been called to pastor the Watson Chapel church in the Sweetwater Association.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

R. E. Wylie has resigned as moderator-coordinator of the Haywood Association, and has accepted a call as pastor in Woodland Mills.

Four leadership changes have been announced in the Hamilton County Association. At the East Chattanooga church, **Charles Foster Mathis Jr.** has accepted a call as minister of music. Pastor is **Robert Stitts**. **Bill Ellison** has begun his ministry as pastor of the Falling Water church, and **Raymond Roberson** has been called as full-time pastor of the Second church in Chattanooga. **Roberson** has been serving the church as interim pastor. At the Tyner church, **Marvin Sanders** has been called as pastor. He was pastor formerly at the Alpine church.

In the McMinn Association, Bethel Springs church has called **Joe Mathis** of Birchwood as pastor, and Lamontville has called **F. H. Patterson** as pastor.

Isaac Linginfelter has resigned the Rocky Branch church, Chilhowee Association, after serving there for four years. He resigned at the recommendation of his doctor. In the same association, Ellejoy church called **Floyd A. Havens** full time. He has served the church for the past year and a half.

Members of the Paint Rock church, Hiwassee Association, held a welcome dinner for its new pastor, **Fred Scarbrough**. He has served as pastor in several churches in the area.

William C. Johnson, pastor of the New Grove church, William Carey Association, resigned recently. **Thomas George**, assistant pastor at Hickory Grove church, has supplied the pulpit. At the Parks City Church, **Herbert Davis** has resigned to accept a position with the Farmstead church of Jasper, Ala. He served as pastor.

William Beene, a student at Belmont college, has resigned as interim pastor of First church, Goodlettsville. **Fred Kendall**, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, will serve as interim pastor beginning this week.

Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, has again received notification that it has been accredited fully by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals. The Commission commended the hospital "for maintaining standards deserving of accreditation and for your effort to improve the quality of patient care." According to the JCAH, full accreditation guarantees the public that **Baptist Hospital** provides a safe physical plant, good diagnostic and treatment facilities, special supportive services, a competent and qualified medical staff, a well-trained nursing staff, and adequate hospital personnel.

W. C. McRae, **Lynn Edmonson** and **Joe R. Gibbs** were ordained as deacons at First church, Jackson. The ordination was delivered by **Trevis Otey**, pastor.

John E. Bentley, associate professor of music at Carson-Newman college, will present a faculty recital Feb. 13 at 3:00 p.m. in the First church of Jefferson City. **Bentley** teaches woodwinds and will present works for the oboe, English horn and flute from the 18th, 19th, and 20th Century by Teleman, Bellini, Koetsier, Poulene, and Rozza.

First church, Cookeville, paid honor to **Mrs. James L. Henry**, who has served as church secretary for approximately 15 years. She resigned recently.

In the Campbell County Association, Hillcrest church has licensed **Terry Sharp** to the gospel ministry. **Sharp** is a senior at LaFollette High school and plans to enter Carson-Newman college. **Paul Heatherly** is pastor of the Hillcrest church. **Hobert McCreary** and **David Shepherd** were licensed to preach by the Indiana Avenue church in LaFollette. **Fred Garner** is pastor.

In the Dyer Association, Mt. Tirzah church has called **Walter Taylor** as pastor. He is already on the field. **Taylor** is a graduate of Union university and Southwestern seminary. In the same association, **Bill Smith** has resigned as pastor of the Calvary Hill church to accept the position of pastor of the Mission of First church, Melbourne, Ark. **Clifford Craver** has resigned as minister of music at the First church of Trimble, and Southside church has called **Danny Myers** as youth director.

Grace church, Nashville, has called **Fred E. A. Johnson** as full-time pastor of the church. He had been serving as interim pastor for the past several weeks.

Indian Creek church, Campbell County Association, has called **James E. Lindsay** as pastor. **Lindsay** comes from Briceville.

Annuity Board Honors Reed At Retirement Banquet

DALLAS—Southern Baptist Convention leaders gathered here to pay tribute to **R. Alton Reed**, retiring March 1, as president of the convention's Annuity Board.

Southern Baptist Convention President **Carl E. Bates**, pastor of First Baptist church, Charlotte, N.C., said **Reed** invested his life in service of Southern Baptists. He aimed at important goals and traveled the right way to achieve them, **Bates** continued.

Leaders from SBC organizations and from state-level Baptist bodies were among 500 persons who attended an "appreciation banquet" for **Reed** in a Dallas hotel.

W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist church, Dallas, and immediate past president of the SBC, noted that "whatever **Dr. Reed** has done, he has done with dedicated genius."

At the close of the banquet, a group of friends presented **Reed** with a new blue and white Buick Electra 225, four-door hardtop automobile, specially equipped to haul the Airstream Trailer which he already owns. Funds to buy the new automobile came entirely from private donations of friends, it was pointed out. (BP)

Lloyd Barnes Named By Board As Building Program Consultant

The Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville has named **Lloyd E. Barnes** as building program consultant for the Church Architecture Department.

Barnes will serve church building committees seeking aid from the department, write and edit church architecture materials, and promote the field service program. He has been with the board since 1955 and has served as audiovisual education consultant, superintendent of audiovisual aids, church records consultant, and Broadman consumer sales consultant.

Church Dynamics Seminar Set For First Church, Dallas, In March

A week long seminar in church dynamics will be held March 13-19 at the First Baptist Church, Dallas, School of the Prophets. **W. A. Criswell**, pastor, announced. The first school, held last year, drew over 500 Southern Baptist pastors and staff members and can accommodate an enrolment of 1000 this year.

Dr. Cohen Dies At 77; Edited Jewish Annual

PHILADELPHIA—**Dr. Mortimer J. Cohen**, a Hebrew author and scholar and a member of the board of governors of the Conservative Rabbinical Assembly, died at the age of 77.

Editor of the "Jewish Book Annual" in 1952, **Rabbi Cohen** was president of the Jewish Book Council of America of the National Welfare Board from 1950 to 1962. He was founding editor of "In Jewish Bookland" from 1945 to 1950 and author of the best-selling "Pathways Through the Bible," published in 1946. (RNS)

Darold Morgan Elected Annuity Board President

DALLAS—Trustees of the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board have elected a new chief executive officer and approved a restudy of the basic retirement plan for SBC pastors and denominational employees.

Darold H. Morgan, who has served as senior vice president and assistant to the president for the past year, will assume the presidency March 1. He will succeed R. Alton Reed, who retires after 19 years with the Dallas-based agency.

Morgan, 47-year-old native of Coffeyville, Kan., has been a pastor for all but the past year, which he spent working with Reed in the Annuity Board's executive office.

The new Annuity Board president graduated from Hardin-Simmons university, Abilene, Tex., and earned the master and doctor of theology degrees at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth.

His most recent pastorate, covering five years, was at Cliff Temple Baptist church in Dallas. Before that, Morgan served Hunter Street Baptist church, Birmingham, for four years. His other pastorates were all in Texas.

His wife, Elizabeth Lucile, comes from Carbondale, Ill., and is the daughter of the late George L. Johnson, an Illinois Baptist leader.

Because of a change in the board's fiscal year dates, the annual trustee meeting was changed. The trustees will next meet Nov. 2-3, 1972, rather than in February, 1973, under the previous schedule. Succeeding meetings will also take place in November of each year.

A seven-member committee was appointed to restudy benefits offered in Plan A—the basic retirement plan offered by the Annuity Board. Chairman of the committee, which will report to the next fall meeting of the board, will be Ned P. King, Dallas insurance firm executive.

Funds held in trust for those contributing to retirement plans reached a record \$292,705,482 as of Dec. 31, 1971. At the end of 1970, the amount was \$249,510,412. This was the sharpest gain in at least five years, according to Morgan.

Investment income in 1971 totaled \$16,078,265, up from \$19,617,731 the year before. The net gain between 1969 and 1970 was only about \$250,000.

A revised accounting method caused \$4.3 million of the \$5.5 million increase. The remaining \$1.2 million resulted from high investment yields, Morgan reported.

Benefits paid out jumped from \$8.2 million in 1970 to \$9.8 million last year, also the sharpest gain from one year to the next in the last five years. The "13th check"

bonus payments to annuitants distributed twice in 1971, at higher levels than before, brought about a major part of increased payments.

About 36,000 persons are now covered by retirement plans provided by the Annuity Board. These include 22,000 pastors and church staff members, and 14,000 employees of state and nation-wide Baptist agencies.

The board reelected Donald E. Bowles, Dallas insurance executive, as chairman. (BP)

Pope Warns That Catholic Divisions Are Hindering Christian Unity

VATICAN CITY—Pope Paul VI feels that Roman Catholics must set their own house in order before they can expect the ecumenical movement to bear the real fruits of Christian unity.

The 74-year-old pontiff said it was hopeless to expect other Christians to reunite with Catholics so long as "we Catholics are in discord."

Speaking before thousands gathered in St. Peter's Square, the Pope warned that true Christian unity will not come so long as "we do not show esteem and fidelity to that unity which we have the fortune to possess and the duty to live and witness."

Among many difficulties, we confront a very grave one . . . the disunity among members of the Catholic Church," the pontiff said. (RNS)



Mr. and Mrs. Ken Murphy (right), students at Southern seminary, Louisville, are shown presenting a microscope to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Williams (left), for the Baptist hospital in Jordan. Williams is a medical technologist at the hospital. He and his wife are recent foreign missionary appointees and had told the Murphys of the need for a microscope in their field.

Seminary Wife Collects Funds For Missionary's Microscope

LOUISVILLE—A Baptist hospital in Jordan will have a new microscope because of a casual conversation between a recently appointed Southern Baptist medical missionary and next door neighbors at a Baptist seminary.

Joe Williams of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., will use the microscope in his work as a medical technologist at the Baptist hospital in Jordan. He and his wife Sylvia were recently appointed missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond.

While Mr. and Mrs. Williams were studying at Southern Baptist Theological seminary here, they mentioned casually to their next door neighbors that the Jordan hospital badly needed a microscope.

"I could hardly imagine a hospital without a microscope," said Mrs. Ken (Robbie) Murphy of Ozark, Ala., whose husband is studying for the pastorate at Southern seminary.

Her concern led to action. She and her husband collected enough money from other seminary students, several Southern Baptist churches, and members of her family to purchase the needed instrument.

Her first step was to write to their home churches in Alabama—Chalkhead and Post Oak Baptist churches in Ozark, Ala., and County Line Baptist church in Enterprise, Ala. Murphy also told the Indiana church where he is a student pastor of the need.

They all responded generously, Mrs. Murphy said.

With the help of a discount given by a Louisville medical supplies dealer, Mrs. Murphy collected enough money to buy the kind of microscope Williams needed.

Williams, his wife and their two children (and the microscope) leave for Jordan next spring after completion of an orientation program. (BP)

Colombian Baptist Convention Meets, Plans Home Mission Board

Meeting outside the Colombian mainland for the first time, the Colombian Baptist Convention established a home mission board, laid plans for its foreign mission board to begin work in Ecuador and Peru, and budgeted funds for social assistance in national emergencies. The 272 messengers met on the island of San Andres, 400 miles off the coast.

Sixty-five churches affiliated with the convention reported 596 baptisms in 1971 and contributed \$20,765 to the Colombian Baptist cooperative program. Ramon Medina was re-elected convention president for a second term. Senora Fanny de Perez, wife of the executive secretary of the Colombian convention, was re-elected WMU president. The men's brotherhood met under the direction of its national leader, Gustavo Padilla.

Endurance And The Christian Hope

By Charles Ausmus, Pastor
Lincoln Park Baptist Church, Knoxville

Luke 21:25-36

We are living in perilous times. Men love themselves, their money and their pleasure more than they love God. America is vexed, not only with Vietnam and other other places, but she is plagued with seemingly unsolvable problems at home. On every side we find sin, graft, corruption, injustice, racial strife and crimes of every kind. Liquor holds our nation in a death grip, adult sin and juvenile delinquency, every type of evil is mushrooming in our cities. The days and nights are crimson with the broken laws of God and man.

The only hope for believers is the hope of our Lord's second coming. The coming of Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords is the only remedy. In response to the disciples' remarks about the temple, Jesus answered that the time would come when "not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down." Jesus had predicted six months before in Perea (Luke 13:34) and at the triumphal entry (Luke 19:41-44) that the magnificent temple, which seemed so durable, would be destroyed, along with the destruction of Jerusalem. Well did he understand that the people would hold fast to the idea of a temporal kingdom, until they should call down upon themselves, because of rebellion, the wrath of Roman legions.

This brought on the further question (21:7) "Master when shall these things be?" Beyond the death of Jesus lies the doom of the city, and further on is the end of the world. Dr. Robertson said, "It is hardly possible to separate all the details of each part of this composite picture of doom. Eschatology is not a lucid subject at best, and on this occasion the double theme of the destruction of Jerusalem and the end of the world makes it doubly hard. The judgment of Jerusalem will symbolize his coming and the final judgment at the end of the world. The very uncertainty demands diligence, and not carelessness.

THE SIGNS OF HIS COMING (21:25-27)

Jesus spoke with authority and certainty. He spoke as one in control of the future; and behind his teaching is the power of his own deity. He pinpoints first the signs in sun, moon, and stars. Matthew recorded that sun and moon will be darkened and

the stars will fall (Matt. 24:29). Whatever may be the meaning, the changes will be very dramatic and worldwide. Can Jesus mean that the source of light, heat, and life will be cut off? Or does he refer to the complexities among nations and the fall of great peoples and kingdoms?

Another very definite sign will be the fear that grips all the earth: distress, perplexity, fainting, and foreboding, surging confusion. Then immediately following these signs the Christ will come with power and great glory. "In a cloud" reminds us of his ascension when a cloud received him out of their sight. The claim of Jesus that he would come in a cloud with power and great glory is a claim of deity.

THE SPRINGTIME PARABLE (21:29-32)

After telling about the signs that precede his coming, Jesus told a simple parable to drive the truth home to their hearts. Who doesn't look forward to spring and summer after a long cold winter? He refers to a familiar springtime experience of watching the buds and leaves come out on the trees. This seems designed to dispel their fear and assure them that he will come, following the signs, just as surely as summer follows the spring. This does not mean that the advent is imminent, but that the kingdom of God is present, that God is reigning. As he once said, the kingdom of God is among you. The kingdom of God is at hand. Watch and see and know that the kingdom is very high.

THE SURE WORD OF CHRIST (21:33)

Certainly Jesus could not have given stronger emphasis to the importance of this discourse than we find in verse 33. What he had previously said about the timelessness of the law (Matt. 5:18, Luke 16:17) he now said about his own words. This verse is a solemn assurance that nothing will stay the fulfillment of what Jesus had spoken. This verse invests the words of Christ with finality and authority.

The sure word of Christ strengthens our hope. In verse 13 he promised divine assistance. In verse 15 he promised divine wisdom. In verse 18 he promised divine preservation. In verse 28 we have the promise of divine salvation. As Christians face a

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cruel world they can hope; and endure the confusion of the natural world, personal dangers like terror, arrest, hatred, persecution, betrayal, judgment, slaughter and death. Christians are not immune to, nor exempt from, trouble; but they have a living hope and the assurance that the word of Christ will never pass away. "Forever O Lord thy word is settled in heaven" (Psalm 119:89).

THE SPIRITUAL EXHORTATION (vv. 28, 34-36)

In verse 28 the believers are exhorted to look up and lift up their heads. Then a word of hope and assurance, "your redemption draweth nigh." The attitude of the Christian should ever be that of the lifted head, and a light upon the face, knowing that he will soon come again.

When Jesus uttered the words of vv. 34-36 he knew full well that within a very short time they would crucify him. Thus with a bleeding heart, under the shadow of the cross, he exhorted them "take heed," "watch," and "pray." Inasmuch as no Christian knows the day or the hour when the end shall come, he should engage in no activity that would leave him unprepared for the Lord's coming.

In Rom. 13:11-14 Paul points to the sins of rioting and drunkenness, wantonness, strife, and envy as forms of behavior that would leave one unprepared. A great danger of our day is to become so involved in the "cares of this life" that our attention and devotions are turned away from Christ and his church. We must maintain proper priorities so the last day will not catch us unaware.



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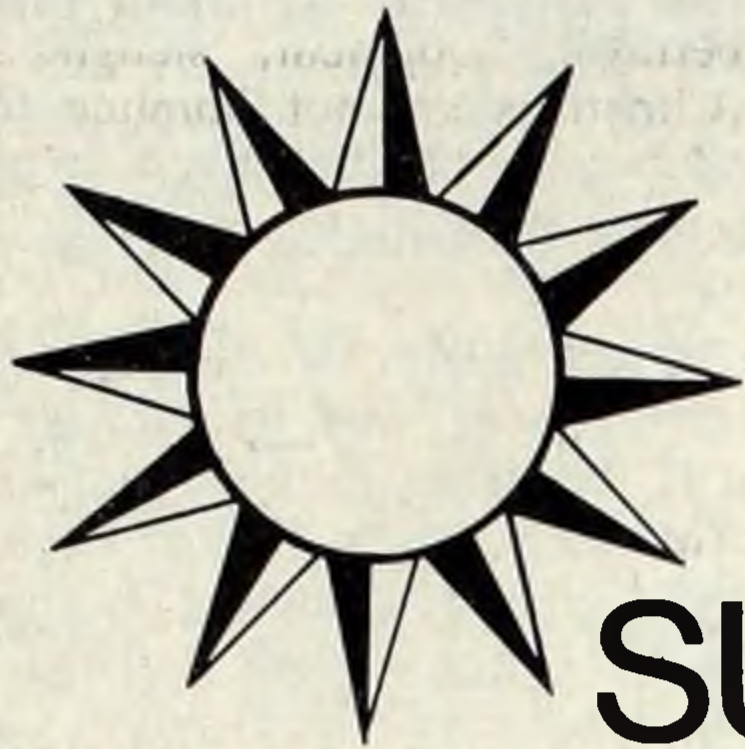
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New 'Church Lobby Bill' Urged In The U. S. Senate

WASHINGTON—A new bill has been introduced in the U.S. Senate to permit church groups and other "public charities" to lobby members of Congress and state legislatures concerning legislation of interest to them without jeopardizing their tax exemption.

The bill's provisions apply only to direct communications by these groups to legislative bodies on "matters of direct interest to the organization." The provisions also do not apply to grass-roots appeals to the general public, and they do not apply to efforts to influence elections, both presently restricted for tax-exempt organizations.

The new bill, S. 3063, replaces an earlier bill, S. 1408, both sponsored by Sens. Edmund S. Muskie (D., Maine) and Hugh Scott (R., Pa.), the Senate minority leader. When the first measure was introduced last March, 23 senators from both parties joined Scott and Muskie as co-sponsors.

The chief difference between the two bills is that the amended version applies only to a public charity if substantially more than one-half of its expenditures are normally in pursuance of its exempt functions other than lobbying.

"Substantially more than one-half" is interpreted in the Tax Reform Act of 1969 as "65 per cent," and "normally" refers to a four-year period of an organization's experience, according to notes accompanying the Senate bill.

Broadscale Public Support

Muskie said that since the earlier bill was introduced last Spring, there has been "broadscale public support" for the legislation. However, in the course of the discussions on the proposal, he continued in a speech to the Senate, concern was expressed that the original bill might be interpreted to permit a public charity to devote its predominant activities to legislative efforts.

The proposed liberalization of the present restrictions on influencing legislation extends only to public charities—"churches, schools, hospitals, and certain other groups with broad public support," Muskie explained to the Senate. The bill does not modify the present restrictions imposed on private foundations by the Tax Reform Act of 1969, he said.

"This legislation would redress a serious inequity in present tax law," Muskie told the Senate. He explained that the Internal Revenue Code permits businessmen to deduct the costs of lobbying on matters of direct interest to them, and certain non-charitable, tax-exempt organizations have the same privilege, without adverse consequences to their tax-exempt status.

"Yet similar legislative activity by a charity can cause loss of its tax exemption," Muskie declared, urging quick action to remove such "unjustifiable discrimination."

The Maine senator observed that churches and other groups "with diverse perspective and expertise" are important sources of information on legislative issues which they should be permitted to communicate.

Some Activities Permissible

According to the Muskie-Scott bill, "none of the following activities shall be deemed 'carrying on propaganda,' or otherwise attempting to influence legislation:

"(A) Appearances before, submission of statements to, or sending communications to, the committees, or individual members of Congress or of any legislative body of a state, a possession of the United States, or a political subdivision of any of the foregoing with respect to legislation or proposed legislation of direct interest to the organization; or

"(B) Communication of information between the organization and its members or contributors with respect to legislation or proposed legislation of direct interest to the organization."

The bill was referred to the Senate Finance Committee which has not yet scheduled public hearings. (BP)

Special TV Worship Service Planned For Easter Sunday

The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, in cooperation with NBC, is producing a special television worship service to be videotaped in the Holy Land and shown nationwide by the network on Easter Sunday, April 2, 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. EST.

The program will feature readings on the life and ministry of Christ from **The Living Bible**, a modern paraphrase of the scriptures, and the music of The Centurymen, a men's choir organized by the commission.

Leading the worship service will be Paul M. Stevens, director of the commission from Fort Worth, Texas; Charles Fuller, pastor of First church, Roanoke, Va., and John Claypool, pastor of Broadway church, Fort Worth.

About 100 people from the United States, Britain and Israel will participate in the production, which will be videotaped on the site of ancient Capernaum near the Sea of Galilee.

January, '72, Mission Gifts Second Highest In SBC History

NASHVILLE—Southern Baptists started the year 1972 with the second largest month of mission giving in the history of the denomination's Cooperative Program unified budget.

The largest month of Cooperative Program giving ever was in January 1971,

John H. Williams, financial planning secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, pointed out, however, that the 1971 figures were inflated by an unusually large check from North Carolina which should have been received in December, but did not arrive until January. The equivalent check this year was received in December. Thus January 1971 Cooperative Program gifts were recorded as a 13 per cent increase over January 1970 contributions.

This year, Southern Baptists gave \$5,061,518 to special mission offerings and other designated causes during January, an increase of \$440,649 or 9.54 per cent over designations for January 1971.

Included in the \$5 million total was \$4.6 million for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, an increase of more than \$300,000 compared to Lottie Moon offerings received in January 1971. Gifts through the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions increased 58 percent, from \$46,724 in 1971 to \$73,937 in 1972.

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Ministers Subject To Salary Guidelines, Exceptions Noted

Ministers and church staffs are not exempt from application of the guidelines regarding the 5.5 per cent increase limitation in salaries and wages, according to the **Federal Register, Vol. 36, No. 252**, Office of Emergency Preparedness and the Office of the Director of the Pay Board.

The report said, "They (clergymen) are subject to the same regulations as other professionals receiving wages/salaries." It stated also that there are two possible exceptions to the 5.5 per cent limitation which might prove applicable in some instances.

The first possible exception regards "essential employees." The **Federal Register, Vol. 36, No. 252** states: "If an employer demonstrates to the Pay Board that (a) wage and salary increases exceeding the standard are necessary to attract or retain employees essential to the efficient operation of the employer; (b) he has experienced a significant proportion of vacancies in an appropriate employee unit, despite intensive recruiting activity; (c) there has been no significant proportion deterioration or reduction in other conditions of employment; and

(d) there is a reasonable expectation that a wage and salary increase will be effective in recruiting or maintaining a supply of qualified employees," then a salary increase of up to 7 per cent may be granted.

The second exception is in relation to "catch-up increases" and states that "If the aggregate percentage of wage and salary increases in the employment contract expiring prior to the new contract for which an exception is claimed is less than the sum of a percentage increase of 7 per cent per year for each year of the prior contract, the difference between such aggregate and such sum shall be added to the 5.5 per cent to determine the maximum permissible wage and salary increase for the appropriate 12 month period."

The report called attention to three aspects regarding the exceptions. They were (1) prior approval is required under the adjustment for essential employees, (2) action on these exceptions must be taken prior to March 31, 1972, their expiration date, and (3) the maximum permissible annual aggregate increase shall not exceed 7 per cent.

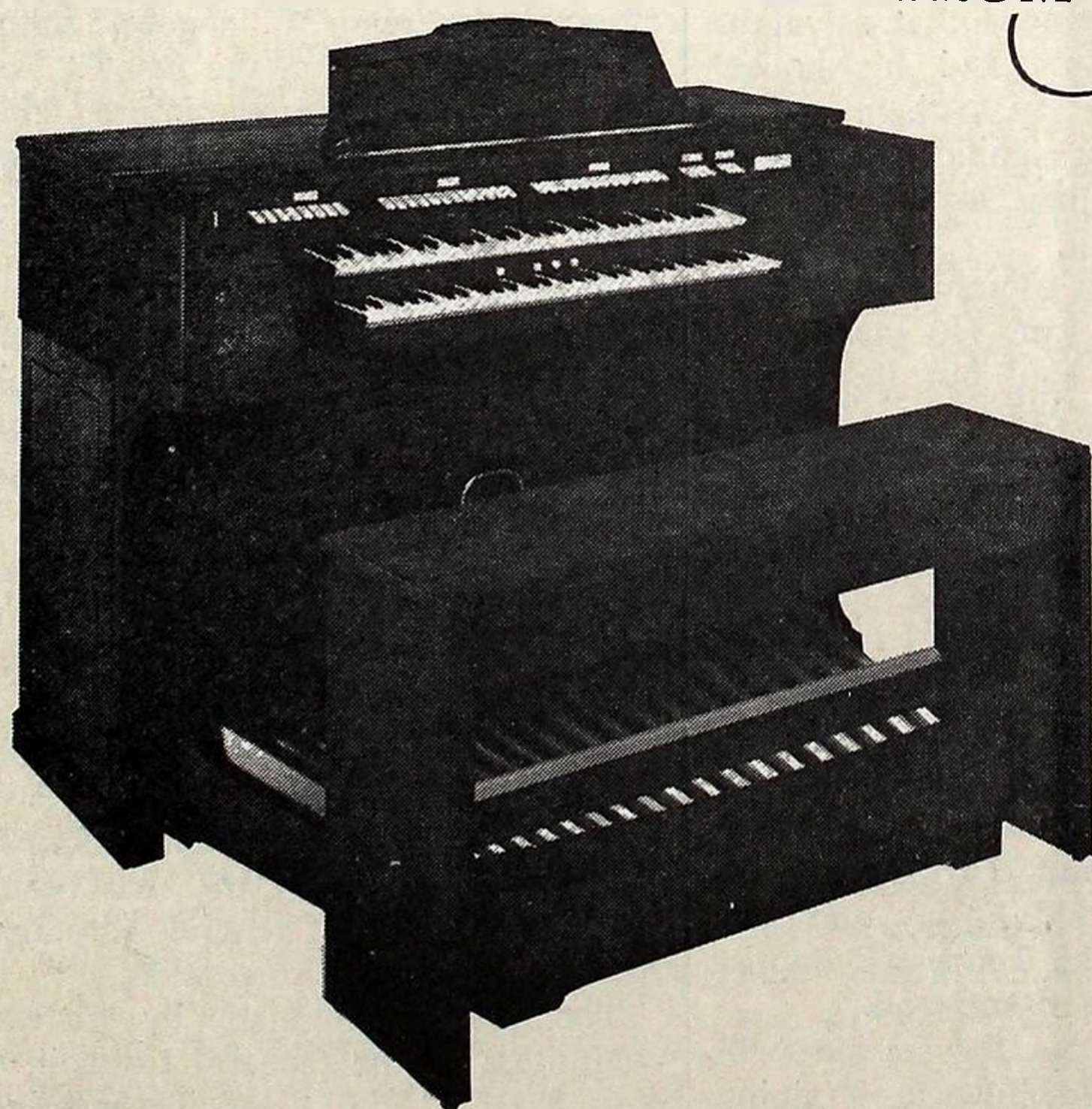
Westminster Book Stores To Merge With Cokesbury

The Westminster Book Stores, the materials and church supply distribution centers for the United Presbyterian Church, will merge with the United Methodist Cokesbury Stores this summer, according to an announcement by James R. Gailey, general secretary of the United Presbyterian Board of Christian Education.

Gailey said that it has become "increasingly difficult" to maintain an independent distribution operation without large and increasing financial subsidies. He said he could see no change in the trend of declining church school enrolment in the near future.

The Westminster Book Stores have four locations: Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Elmhurst, Ill., and Los Angeles. Cokesbury has a chain of 19 stores and six distribution centers and is a division of the Nashville-based Methodist Publishing House.

Cokesbury will become the distributing agency for three Protestant denominations since book stores of the United Church of Christ were merged into the Westminster Stores in 1970.



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WHEN THE LOST IS FOUND

By W. R. White

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Basic Passage: Luke 18:35 to 19:10

Focal Passage: Luke 19:1-10

Finding something that is lost is ever-exciting, especially if something of value is missing. Even so, often the papers, radio and television will publicize someone's being lost. Occasionally the search for a missing child will extend for days. Every device will be used, officials of the law, searching parties and helicopters. A nation has been aroused to a tremendous pitch at times. The good news of finding a lost child will fill a whole country with



White

happiness.

There are lost and dislocated people all around us whose plight is far more serious than that of one who is physically lost. Such lostness does not create much concern or excitement. Neither does the announcement of the recovery and rebirth of such people create a wave of joy—on earth.

However, the unseen universe gets very much excited about such lostness and heaven rings with gladness over the rescue and redemption of all those enmeshed in such lostness.

Eager To See Jesus

Luke 19:1-4

What prompted one man to climb a tree just to see another man? We do not know. Was it downright curiosity? Perhaps Zacchaeus had heard enough about Jesus to stir a sense of need in him which he felt Jesus could meet. Besides it had become quite obvious to many people that Jesus was much more than just another man.

Most likely Zacchaeus had no idea that he would seriously attract the attention of Jesus. Surely he had no idea of the revolutionary consequences awaiting due to his unusual effort to see Jesus as He passed by. But sincere eagerness to see Jesus is rewarded every time.

Jesus Initiates A Visit

Luke 19:5-7

Jesus saw Zacchaeus in the tree and asked him to hurry down. He invited Himself to the home of this eager seeker. Zacchaeus obeyed promptly and gladly received the Lord into his home. This evidenced that he was hungry to know more about Jesus.

Instead of the leaders being glad that a tax collector showed interest in spiritual

values, they murmured that He was going to the home of a sinner of the most despised variety in Palestine. This did not deter Jesus nor Zacchaeus. Jesus wanted a closer contact and a more private opportunity in order to recover a lost sheep of the house of Israel. Obviously the quest of Zacchaeus was deepening.

A New Creation

Luke 19:8-10

We are told that if any man be in Christ Jesus, he is a new creature or creation.

We have no idea as to what Jesus said to Zacchaeus to bring him to such fruits of repentance and such willingness to rectify any wrong he may have committed. It may have been just the presence of Jesus and the impact of His spirit. Something revealed his conscience and his heart.

If a Jewish tax collector representing Rome should, all at once, volunteer to give half of all he had to the poor and restore fourfold to anyone he might have defrauded, something radical must have taken place. It was very convincing to Jesus so it must have been real.

The Redeemer announced that salvation had come to Zacchaeus and his house. This brought boundless joy to them and to Jesus. It was not only a significant event of earth but it created great acclamation in glory.

Jesus announced His supreme mission—to seek and save the lost. He meant not only salvation of the soul but the whole being. Jesus came not only to make permanent heavenly citizens but better citizens here in this life. He came to save them from the worst to the best. This was and is His supreme joy.

Brotherhood And RA Leaders Meet Scheduled At Brentwood

The State and Associational Officers Meeting for Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador Leaders will be held Friday and Saturday, Feb. 25-26 at the Tennessee Baptist Convention Building in Brentwood.

Leadership Training for the sessions will focus on "Using Your How to Training Kits," for RA leaders, and "Motivating the Men" for Baptist men. F. M. Dowell, secretary, state Evangelism Department, will lead discussion on "Purpose-Goals-Your Part" in relation to the Lay Witnessing Institutes.

The Friday meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 9:30. Saturday sessions will be held from 9:00 a.m. through 12:45 p.m. with lunch served.

JESUS AT THE DOOR

By T. B. Maston

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock: If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with me" (Rev. 3:20, KJV).

There are several marvelous truths in this scripture. One is the fact that Jesus stands at the door and knocks. He knocks not only at the door of the heart of the non-Christian but also of the Christian. If we had ears to hear I am persuaded we could hear him knocking, wanting into our lives or wanting in more fully.

Second, if he is to come in we must open the door. He will not knock it down. He will not force himself on anyone.

Third, we can be just as sure that if we open the door he will come in. This is true for the non-Christian, the one who does not know him. It is just as true for those of us who do know him. There may be areas of our lives where he wants in or wants in more completely. If we open the door he will come in.

Also, thank the Lord, when he comes in he will always bring a blessing; he will sup or eat with us and we with him. What a picture of the blessings of fellowship with him!

Let us remember, however, that we must open the door. I remember a picture in one of my early "readers" in public school that was entitled "Jesus at the Door." You have possibly seen the same picture. The striking thing about the picture is the fact that as Jesus stood at the door and knocked there was no latch on the outside of the door.

No, the door must be opened from within. Do we hear him knocking? Are we willing to open the door? What blessings he will bring if we will open and invite him in!

Dr. Campbell Nominated For ABC Secretary Post

VALLEY FORGE, Pa.—Dr. Robert C. Campbell, dean and professor of New Testament at the American Baptist Seminary of the West in Covina, Calif., has been nominated for the post of general secretary of the American Baptist Convention.

The nomination, made by the executive committee of the General Council, will be considered at the Council's meeting Feb. 9-10. If approved, it will then be presented to the annual meeting of the denomination in Denver May 10-14.

The previous secretary, Dr. Edwin H. Tuller, resigned Dec. 31, 1970, to become pastor of the American Church in Paris.

As general secretary, Dr. Campbell would be the principal executive officer of the ABC, a 1.5-million-member denomination with headquarters here. (RNS)

From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

This week is a major one on the emphasis on witnessing and evangelism. Many associations have had conferences on evangelism. Associational leaders have worked with the pastors and church leaders to keep the deep concern for the lost and unreached on the hearts of everyone. It has been a time for study and making plans and reviewing the best methods of work.



Kendall

The power for all of the work of the church is always in the presence and leadership of the Holy Spirit. Prayer prepares the way for Him to lead and to work. Perhaps more efforts fail due to the lack of prayer and the lack of faith than for any other reason. We, human beings, have pride in our own strength and wisdom. We, too, often tend to lean on our own efforts and understanding.

Prayer is a means of repenting of all known sin and of thoroughly purging the heart and life of every evil purpose and desire. It is also a time for full commitment to God. It is time of surrender to His will and to be still and know that He is God. Prayer is a time of praise and thanksgiving for His mercy and grace in forgiveness of sin and for His wonderful redemption through Christ.

This weekend is the time for the Youth Conference on Evangelism here in Nashville. From twelve to fifteen thousand are expected to attend. This has become the largest attended religious meeting to be held here in Nashville. Youth from every section of the state will be present.

Brother F. M. Dowell and those who work with him have prepared a very challenging program. Inspirational speakers who appeal to youth and who know youths' needs in the present hour will be here. There will be conferences for all of the young people which will be of tremendous help in giving them the very best instruction in witnessing and in working with their lost friends. They will have some of the very best help in these conferences. Enough conferences have been planned this time and at enough places to insure everyone a place to sit and to hear and to participate.

This conference will have a great spiritual effect in the churches and associations across the state. There are millions of fine young people today who are deeply dedicated to Christ.

On Matters of

Family Living

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Unlovable Youngster? Growth Usually Helps

The kid who bugs you at this particular time may be your pride and joy in a few months—if you don't label and pigeonhole him now, says child psychiatrist William Boylston.

Each child has a personalized time table for development, he reminds. At a given time there will always be some youngsters floundering in a state of disequilibrium, while others in the same family or classroom are perched on peaceful plateaus of adjustment.

Parents and teachers who must deal daily with a difficult child will find it easier to be patient if they remember the ups and downs of the invisible seesaws of development that are always operating in every home and classroom.

"It is probably not the child you don't like, but the phase of development the youngster is in," says Dr. Boylston, professor of psychiatry at Baylor University of Texas Schools of Medicine.

All children grow through stormy as well as clear-sailing stages of development. Parents and teachers must frequently remind themselves that today's little terror is likely to turn into a likable, responsive youngster if we show him we're confident that he's basically okay and will be just fine and avoid comparing him with siblings and age-mates. Then we can exercise our patience on yesterday's model child, who is now hitting some developmental snags himself. The big mistake, it appears, is to treat current behavior as a forever thing.

Mahalia Jackson, Gospel Singer, Is Dead at 60

Mahalia Jackson, called by many "the world's greatest gospel singer," died of a heart seizure in Chicago on Jan. 27. She was 60 years old.

Miss Jackson began singing as a child when she was a member of her church choir in Chicago. In 1934 she made her first record, "God Gonna Separate the Wheat from the Tares." Not until the late 1940s, however, did she become well known to the American people. After a 1950 debut in Carnegie Hall, the singer became an international personality.

Her entire life was concentrated on gospel music although she was urged many times to enter the jazz field.

Historically:

From the files

50 YEARS AGO

Calvary church, Memphis, called W. F. Dorris of Monticello, Ark., as pastor.

J. T. Warren of Martin, served as president of the executive committee of the West Tennessee Sunday School Convention.

A hospital building was purchased by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for office space. A brother and sister from Texarkana, Ark., had, some years earlier, given \$100,000 toward the purchase of such a building.

20 YEARS AGO

Dr. I. N. Patterson, Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria, was honored by the King of England by being named an officer of the Order of the Baptist Empire.

A three-day tour of Baptist missions in Cuba was held immediately following the annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, Fla.

Highland church, Tullahoma, Roy C. Magill, pastor, completed construction on their new building.

10 YEARS AGO

Herschel H. Hobbs, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, visited with United States President John F. Kennedy at the White House for a period of 45 minutes.

Thomas E. Bryant, Jr., became superintendent of missions in Concord association.

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Russian Baptist 'Initiatives'

Build Press To Print Literature

WASHINGTON—In an act of defiance against the government of the Soviet Union, a group of dissident Baptists usually called the "initiative Baptists" have informed the Kremlin that they have built their own printing press to produce "spiritual literature," according to the "Washington Post."

In a news report datelined Geneva, the "Washington Post" said that the developments were revealed in documents recently smuggled into the West.

The report indicated that the "initiative Baptists" had printed a declaration run off on their new press and addressed to Premier Alexei Kosygin, announcing that they had formed a new publishing house because Soviet authorities had refused their repeated requests for facilities to print church material.

Under Soviet law, no printing press can operate in Russia without explicit government permission.

The publishing house is reportedly being operated at an undisclosed location by Baptist volunteers who are members of the Council of Churches of Evangelical-Christian Baptists.

The council split away from the officially-approved All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists about 10 years ago.

Documents smuggled to the West indicated that the leader of the "initiative" or "reform" group of Baptists, Gennadi K. Krychkov, is currently in hiding while the Soviet police are conducting a nationwide search for allegedly "spreading literature of a slanderous character" and leading "illegal groups of Evangelical-Baptist believers."

Krychkov reportedly had been released from prison in 1969 after serving a three-year prison term for illegal religious activities. Wanted posters on Krychkov have appeared in several towns, and his wife has been threatened, the Baptist group reported.

In the declaration addressed to Premier Kosygin announcing they had built and were operating a printing press, the reform Baptist group claimed that "we are subjected to surveillance, threats and oppression by the organs of power, although our activities do not harm the interests of the state.

"We no longer ask you for cooperation in publishing our necessary literature of the faith, but we do ask you not to place any obstacles in the way . . . and to consider literature under the 'Khristyanin' (Christian) imprimature legal," the declaration said.

The Baptists issuing the declaration added that they were not signing the document since Soviet authorities never wrote back anyway, and that "every previous attempt at legalization (of their movement) began

with a list of signatures and ended with the repression of those on the list."

Reliable statistics do not exist on Soviet religious organizations, but the "Washington Post" report estimated that there are nearly 3 million Baptists in Russia. The Baptist World Alliance office here lists 550,000 as the number of Baptists in Russia.

The general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, Robert Denny, when asked about the report in the "Washington Post," said that the Alliance is always concerned about the religious liberty and human dignity of all men, regardless of their religion or political ideologies.

He expressed hope that the Soviet government would "look into this matter" and see that religious freedom is guaranteed to all Russian citizens as promised in the Soviet constitution. (BP)

A Grand Errand

It is difficult to measure the effectiveness of the Christian witness in American culture. One indication of its vitality is the concern for an educated ministry, and it is notable that at least a creative minority of thoughtful people are interested in the quality and cost of theological education.

On this campus research and teaching are oriented to the intellectual and spiritual growth of students who have heard God's call in the inward region of the soul and are responding affirmatively to the Christian message and mission.

The Christian ministry, evaluated and described by more than a few discerning minds as "the grand errand," includes at least six identifiable tasks:

1. To increase men's knowledge of God by careful interpretation of biblical, historical, and theological insights.
2. To persuade persons to commit themselves without reservation to our Lord and his redemptive purpose on earth.
3. To teach committed persons the Christian way of life in the context of contemporary society.
4. To be sensitive and responsive to the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit in worship and service.
5. To provide wise and resourceful counsel to persons who live under the pressures of a stressful environment in a time of rapid social change.
6. To participate intelligently, responsibly, and creatively in the decision-making process in church and community.

We devote intelligence and energy to these tasks with a sense of urgency, remembering the words of our Lord that "we must work the works of him who sent me, while

Lubbock Property Gift Aids Seminary By Nearly \$500,000

FORT WORTH—Nine years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jackson of Lubbock deeded two pieces of West Texas property to Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary here through the Baptist Foundation of Texas.

Little did they know that today that property would net the seminary nearly a half-million dollars.

One of the tracts of land, a 177-acre farm in Hockley County, was sold in 1963 for \$78,500 shortly after it was given to the seminary. The proceeds were used to construct a building in the Student Village.

The other piece of property was a 160-acre tract in Lubbock County. Later the City of Lubbock extended its boundaries to include the acreage. The value of the land multiplied and sold last fall for \$400,000.

That amount, less closing costs and expenses, is now part of the permanent endowment of the seminary. The combined benefit of the two pieces of property was \$478,500.

"When we began thinking about our will, our thoughts centered on the seminary, and we decided our investment there would be the most profitable mission work we could do," Jackson said. "We've never regretted our decision, and are completely happy in it."

Together, they taught a total of more than 80 years in public schools in Texas. Now semi-retired, they live in Irving, Tex., and devote much of their time to travel. (BP)

it is day; night comes, when no one can work" (John 9:4); with an awareness of dependence upon God, keeping in mind the profound affirmation that "unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain" (Psalms 127:1); and with a mood of confidence and hope rooted in the biblical assurance that the "God of heaven will make us prosper, and we his servants will arise and build." (Nehemiah 2:20).

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